

Zero Beat

Hampden County Radio Association, Inc.

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June Banquet

The June meeting will be the club's annual banquet. Please note that this meeting will be the **second Friday** in June, not the first. Tickets are \$7.25 and may be purchased at the May meeting. Tickets will not be sold at the door of the banquet—if you don't have a ticket, you will be turned away.

The banquet menu will include Roast Beef, Ham (??), Turkey Breast, American Cheese, Meatballs, Baked Beans, Macaroni and Beef, Kielbasa, Chicken Thighs and Drumsticks, Potato Salad, Cole Slaw, Macaroni Salad, Rolls and Butterettes, Cake Squares, Coffee, Milk, Sugar, Pickles, and Mustard.

As you can see, there will be plenty of food, so come join us! As usual, officer elections will also be held at the meeting.

Agawam CD Net

The Agawam Civil Defense holds a weekly emergency preparedness net on its affiliated repeaters, KA1KPH/R, 449.175 Mhz (-5Mhz), and W1MBT/R, 146.700 Mhz (-600 Khz). The net meets every Monday evening at 7:00 PM local time. For the net, both repeaters are linked together, so those with either 2M or 70 CM FM capability can check in. We plan to use the net to inform people of news pertaining to local CD activities, as well as other ARES, RACES, or general amateur discussion dealing with emergency preparedness. Stop by and check in!

Club Officers

President—Phil Smith, KA1MP
Vice President—Dave Bertagnolli, N1EUZ
Treasurer—Greg Stoddard, N1AEH
Secretary/Clerk—Jeanette Platanitis, KA1MEW

May Meeting—DX!

The May meeting will include a talk by Paul Young, K1XM and Charlotte Richardson, KQ1F. They have been involved in several trips to rare islands and have travelled to a new location in every DX contest in which they have participated. They will discuss operating procedures and show slides of the locations. The meeting will be chaired by Stan Hilinski, KA1ZE. The meeting will begin at 8:00 PM on Friday, May 5.

A Near Miss

An asteroid big enough to wipe out metropolitan Los Angeles whizzed past Earth last month in what scientists Wednesday called a cosmic near-miss. Henry Holt, an amateur astronomer from Flagstaff, Ariz., discovered the asteroid March 31 while working on a NASA-funded project for the U.S. Geological Survey. The asteroid, which measures half a mile across, passed within 500,000 miles of Earth.

Malta Special Prefixes

On the occasion of the celebrations being organised for the 25th Independence Anniversary, Radio Amateurs in Malta may use the following special prefixes:

Malta 9H1 → 9H25
Gozo 9H4 → 9H25G
VHF 9H5 → 9H25V

This is valid up to the 31st December 1989.

Board of Directors

Jim Sebolt, N1DUY	Ed Goldberg, WA1PLS
Ken Nickolls, WB1BZH	Yorke Phillips, K1BXE
Steve Nelson, WA1EYF	Stan Hilinski, KA1ZE
Cliff Junkins, W1UWX	Bob Lafleur, NQ1C

Club Calendar

May	HCRA/West Exam DX Board Meeting	May 3 May 5 May 9
June	Banquet HCRA/West Exam < No Board Meeting > Field Day	June 9 June 7 June 24-25

HCRA meeting are held at Feeding Hills Congregational Church at 8:00 PM.

Contact Phil Smith, **KA1MP** (413) 562-4731

HCRA/West Exams are held at Agawam High at 7:00 PM *sharp*.

Contact Jeanette Platanitis, **KA1MEW** (413) 786-1463

HCRA/East Exams are held at Minnechaug Regional High School, Wilbraham MA.

Contact Yorke Phillips, **K1BXE** (413) 566-3010

Local Nets

10 Meter Ragchew Net	Sunday 7:00 PM 28.400
HCRA 10 Meter Net	Thursday 9:00 PM 28.650
Nutmeg VHF Traffic Net	Daily 9:30 PM 146.29/88
80 Meter Ragchew Net	Tuesday 8:00 PM 3.709 Mhz
WMPN	Daily 6:00 PM 3.937
WMSN	Tuesday & Thursday 7:30 PM 3.713
WMN	Daily 7:00 PM 3.562
WMTN	Monday-Friday 1:00 PM 146.31/91
CPN	Monday-Saturday 6:00 PM 3.965
	Sunday 10:00 AM 3.965
Mt. Tom Information Net	Wednesday 7:30 PM 146.34/94
Mt. Tom Swap Net	Follows Mt. Tom Information Net
Mt. Tom Emergency Net	Sunday 8:45 AM 146.34/94
Agawam Civil Defense Net	Monday 7:00 PM 449.175 & 146.70
RASON	Daily 9:00 PM 146.13/73
WESCON	Daily 8:30 PM 147.78/18
CN	Daily 7:00 & 10:00 PM 3.640
CSN	Monday-Friday 7:30 PM 3.720
CSTN	KY1T PBBS, 145.04 Mhz

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Forwarding & Address

Correction Requested

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Join the "CROWD" on packet!

There is a new thing in packet radio, called **CROWD**. CROWD allows you to talk with several other users at once. It's similar to connecting to someone's station, and typing keyboard to keyboard with them. The difference is that CROWD allows you to talk to more than one person at once.

To connect to CROWD, connect to one of the BERK nodes: **BERK1** on **145.07**, **BERK2** on **221.11**, **BERK3** on **145.09**, or **BERK4** on **144.99**. Once connected to a BERK node, connect to CROWD.

Several commands on CROWD start with a slash (/) character. **/W** will tell you who else is on CROWD, and **/H** will give you help with the other commands. Anything you type that doesn't begin with a / will be sent to all other users on CROWD channel 0.

For more info on CROWD, leave **NQ1C** a message on the **WINY** bbs.

